

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2297

Providence Methodist Episcopal Church

1318 Providence Road

Baltimore, Baltimore County

Ca. 1891

Private

The Providence Methodist Episcopal Church was constructed circa 1891 in the community of Providence in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. Although the congregation was established as early as 1858, a church first appears on the 1915 Bromley Atlas of Baltimore County. At that time, the church and parish hall were located on a tract of land owned by S. E. Parks. It is likely that the community received its name from the neighboring estate that was owned by L. W. Held, which featured a cluster of buildings with the name "Providence." The rural community, located between Towson and Cromwell's Bridge, had not been established by 1877. According to the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, there was a small tract of land owned by S. E. Parks with a school at the present location of the church.

The Providence Methodist Episcopal Church sits back from the road with an historic cemetery to the south and north and a parish hall to the north. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the wood frame church rises one-and-a-half stories in height. Clad in asbestos shingles, the church features a front gable roof with asphalt shingles and an exterior, concrete block chimney. The façade, or southeast elevation is one bay in width with a central entry. Gothic Revival in style, the church has a lancet arched entry with a single-leaf, flush wood door. A square-edged wood surround and a front gable portico with square wood posts and a lancet-arched opening frame the door. The portico sits on the front-gabled entry vestibule, which has a diminutive lancet-arched, leaded glass window. A single 16/16 lancet-arched window pierces the gable end of the church. The church is three-bays deep with 9/9 vinyl replacement windows on the side elevations.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2297

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Providence Methodist Episcopal Church

other

2. Location

street and number 1318 Providence Road not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of the Providence Methodist Episcopal Church

street and number 1320 Providence Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21286-1562

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Unknown folio Unknown

city, town Towson tax map 61 tax parcel 383 tax ID number 0920660460

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The cemetery appears to have been established in two separate phases to the north and south of the church, respectively. The section to the north of the church is the older of the two, with grave markers dating to as early as 1865. The graves in this section are predominantly marked with upright marble headstones and footstones. The north section of the cemetery consists of approximately five rows of ten graves each. The southern portion of the cemetery dates from the 20th century. Having approximately nine rows with twenty graves each, flat markers or headstones of granite mark the graves in this section.

The parish hall, constructed circa 1915, stands to the north of the church. Built of rock-faced concrete block, the building has panel-faced concrete block quoins. Rising one-story in height, the parish hall is three-bays wide. There are double-leaf flush wood doors and two 6/6 vinyl replacement windows, all with square-edged surrounds. The hipped roof is clad in asphalt shingles and has exposed rafter tails.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1858, 1891 ca.

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1891 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.48 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Towson

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Providence Methodist Episcopal Church is located at 1318 Providence Road in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 61, Parcel 383 since its construction circa 1891.

11. Form Prepared by

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5662 (NW) COCKEYSVILLE 3.4 MI.
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USGS Quad: TOWSON
Scale: 1:24,000

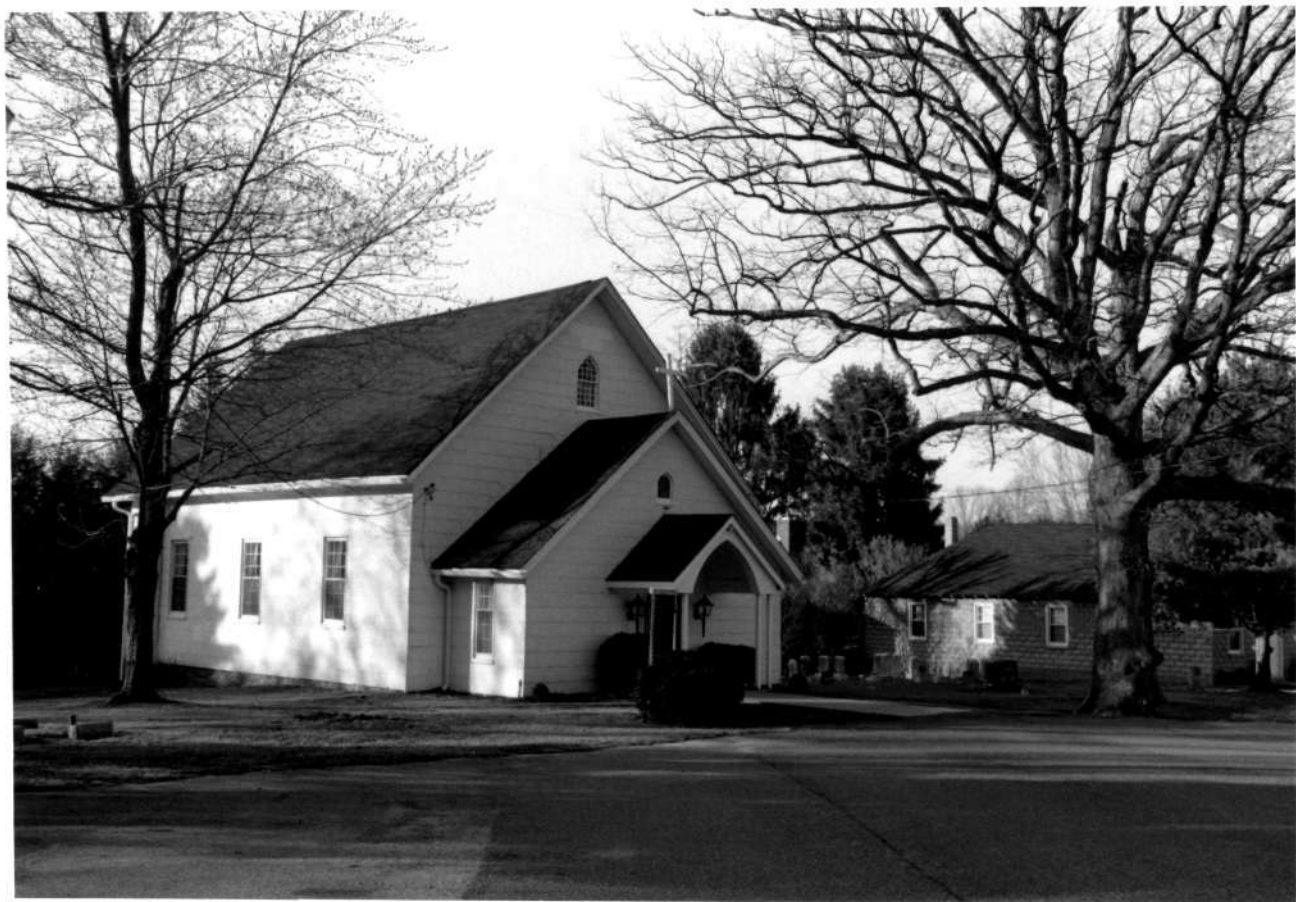


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1318 Providence Road

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Cemetery

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PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1891 - 1318
Providence Road, Providence. Small rectangular,
vernacular styled, frame church covered with composition
shingles; gable roofed. Ordinary sash windows in nave.
Small entry vestibule with Gothic doors and lancet
windows. Congregation dates form 1858. Some old
tombstones.